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<b>REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE</b>		Docket Number (Optional) PM-421
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Name of Patentee <u>Christopher J. Stevens</u>		
Patent Number <u>5,393,368</u>	Date Patent Issued <u>February 28, 1995</u>	
Title of Invention <u>Correction Tape Dispenser</u>		
<p>I believe said patentee to be the original, first and sole or joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled <u>Correction Tape Dispenser</u>  the specification of which  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.  <input type="checkbox"/> was filed on _____ as reissue application number ____ / _____  and was amended on _____  (if applicable)</p> <p>I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.  I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.  I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> by reason of a defective specification or drawing, said defects being described below.  <input type="checkbox"/> by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent, said excess or insufficiency in the claims being specified below.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by reason of other errors, described below.</p> <p>The errors relied upon in the above statements, and how the errors occurred, are as follows:</p> <p>An error occurred in the prosecution of U. S. Patent 5,393,368 in which the applicant, through no deceptive intent, inadvertently filed only one of three required certified copies of the earlier U. K. applications and failed to file certified copies of the two other U. K. applications on which priority rights under 35 U.S.C. §119 were claimed. A Declaration of Paul I. Douglas is submitted herewith including a detailed explanation of the error.</p>		

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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REISSUE APPLICATION BY THE ASSIGNEE, OFFER TO SURRENDER PATENT		Docket Number (Optional)
<p>This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.</p>		
Name of Patentee Christopher J. Stevens		
Patent Number 5,393,368	Date Patent Issued February 28, 1995	
Title of Invention Correction Tape Dispenser		
<p>I am the assignee of the entire interest in said original patent.</p> <p>I offer to surrender said original patent.</p> <p>Filed herein is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a certified copy of an abstract of title.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an order for a title report. The fee for this order is \$ <u>25</u> (37 CFR 1.19(b)(4)).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number <u>07-1350</u>.</p> <p>I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p>		
Name of assignee The Gillette Company		
Signature of person signing for assignee <i>Donal B. Tobin</i>	Date <i>Sept 16, 1997</i>	
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee Donal B. Tobin, Patent & Trademark Counsel		
(A Corporate Officer)		

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of )  
CHRISTOPHER J. STEVENS )  
U. S. Patent 5,393,368 ) Primary Examiner  
Issued: February 28, 1995 )  
For: CORRECTION TAPE DISPENSER )

DECLARATION OF PAUL I. DOUGLAS  
IN SUPPORT OF REISSUE APPLICATION

In support of the present application for reissue of U.S. Patent 5,393,368, the undersigned Paul I. Douglas, who is employed as a Patent Attorney by The Gillette Company, the patent assignee, hereby states as follows:

(1) An error occurred during the prosecution of U. S. Patent 5,393,368 due to the failure of the patentee to file the certified copies of two of the three foreign priority applications on which right of priority was claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 before the patent was issued.

(2) This error occurred in the prosecution of the original application Serial No. 08/192,471, filed February 7, 1994, in which the attorneys, through no deceptive intent, inadvertently filed only one of three required certified copies of the earlier U. K. applications and failed to file certified copies of the two other U. K. applications on which priority rights were claimed.

(3) In a declaration by the inventor, Christopher John Stevens, dated January 21, 1994 and filed with U. S. Application No. 08/192,471 on February 7, 1994, a claim for priority was made under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on U. K. Application (9302589) filed Feb. 10, 1993 and U. K. Application (9310715) filed May 25, 1993. The inventor's declaration did not identify U. K. Application 9401594, filed January 27, 1994, because it was signed on January 21, 1994 before the U. K application was filed.

(4) In a paper entitled "Certified Copy Of Patent Application To Acknowledge Claim For Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119", filed in U. S. Application No. 08/192,471 on November 21, 1994, a claim for priority was based on U. K. Patent Application 9401594, filed January 27, 1994. Due to a clerical error, only a certified copy of U. K. Application 9302589 was filed on November 21, 1994.

(5) The PTO prosecution file of Stevens U. S. Patent 5,393,368 indicates that a certified copy of the earliest U. K. Application 9302589 was filed in U. S. Application No. 08/192,471. The certified copy of U. K. Application No. 9302589 bearing a PTO mailroom stamp of November 21, 1994 appears in the '368 prosecution file. No certified copies of the other U. K. Applications 9310715 and 9401594 appear in the '368 prosecution file.

(6) Stevens U. S. Patent 5,393,368 issued on February 28, 1995 indicating that priority rights were claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on U. K. Application 9302589, filed Feb. 10, 1993, and U. K. Application 9310715, filed May 25, 1993.

(7) On May 9, 1997, Interference No. 103,662 was declared between U. S. Patent 5,393,368 and a pending application of another party. During a review of the PTO prosecution file of the '368 patent in the course of work on the interference, Charles P. Boukus, Jr., counsel for the patentee in the interference, on or about June 2, 1997, discovered that certified copies of U. K. Applications 9310715 and 9401594 were missing from the PTO file. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Boukus reported to Gillette patent counsel, Paul Douglas and Chester Cekala, regarding the two missing U. K. priority applications. In a meeting of Messrs. Douglas, Cekala and Boukus, on July 22, 1997, it was decided to proceed with a reissue application to correct the apparent error in the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §119 by submitting certified copies of the U. K. priority applications.

(8) The undersigned further states that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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(before Issue)

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have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which I (we) have this day executed an application for United States Letters Patent;

AND WHEREAS THE GILLETTE COMPANY, PRUDENTIAL  
TOWER BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02199,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(hereinafter called the "assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed so far as the United States of America is concerned.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to me (us) by said assignee, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I (we) do hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions and improvements therein disclosed for the United States and any Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all divisions, re-issues, continuations, renewals and/or extensions thereof, said assignee to have and to hold the interests herein assigned to the full ends of the terms of said Letters Patent and any and all divisions, re-issues, continuations, renewals and/or extensions thereof, respectively, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me (us) had this assignment not been made.

The Commissioner of Patents is requested to issue such Letters Patent in accordance herewith. I (we) covenant that I am (we are) the lawful owner(s) of the said application, and of the right to make, use or sell the inventions and improvements disclosed therein within the United States and that I (we) have the full right to make this assignment.

And for the consideration aforesaid, I (we) agree that I (we) will communicate to said assignee or the representatives thereof any facts known to me (us) respecting the inventions and improvements of the said United States application and will, upon request, but without expense to me (us), testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, re-issue, continuation, renewal and/or extension applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do all other and further lawful acts, deemed necessary or expedient by said assignee or by Counsel for said assignee, to assist or enable said assignee to obtain and enforce full benefits from the rights and interests herein assigned. This assignment shall be binding upon my (our) heirs, executors, administrators and/or assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and/or assigns, as the case may be, of said assignee.

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